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FM AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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SUBJECT : LIBERALIZATION OF UAE VISA POLICY

REFS: A) DEPT OM 12/15/75 (NOTAL) B) ABU DHABI 0017

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED.

1. AS DEPT AWARE, EMBASSY HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING FOR OVER YEAR PERSUADE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES TO LIBERALIZE NIV POLICY ON RECIPROCAL BASIS. DURING REFTEL B DISCUSSIONS WITH MINFORNAFF OFFICIALS, THIS SUBJECT ONCE AGAIN BROACHED AS POSSIBLY ONE WAY TO EASE STUDENT VISA PROBLEM. UAE OFFICIALS AGREED THAT MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS FOR THEIR STUDENTS WOULD BE USEFUL AND AT SAME TIME EXPRESSED THEIR WILLINGNESS EXTEND SAME PRIVILEGE TO U.S. BUSINESSMEN. ON JAN 28, EMBASSY RECEIVED FOREIGN OFFICE NOTE SAYING IN PART: QUOTE...THAT THE CONCERNED AUTHORITIES IN THE STATE HAVE AGREED TO GRANT AMERICAN BUSINESS PERSONNEL A MULTIPLE ENTRY ONE YEAR VISA. UNQUOTE.

2. IN RESPONSE, EMBASSY HAS FORWARDED NOTE TO FOREIGN

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OFFICE REQUESTING UAE AGREEMENT TO FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

CLASS	FEES	NO. APPLICATION	VALIDITY
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
A-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
B-1	\$3.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
B-2	\$3.00	ONE ENTRY	3 MONTHS
C-1	\$3.00	ONE ENTRY	3 MONTHS
C-2	\$3.00	ONE ENTRY	3 MONTHS
C-3	\$3.00	ONE ENTRY	3 MONTHS
D	\$3.00	ONE ENTRY	3 MONTHS
E-1	NO TREATY		
E-2	NO TREATY		
F-1	\$3.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
F-2	\$3.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	3 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
G-5/6	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
H-1	\$3.00	ONE ENTRY	3 MONTHS
H-2	\$3.00	ONE ENTRY	3 MONTHS
H-3	\$3.00	ONE ENTRY	3 MONTHS
H-4	\$3.00	ONE ENTRY	3 MONTHS
J-1&2	\$3.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
K	\$3.00	ONE ENTRY	3 MONTHS
L-1&2	\$3.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS

THEREFORE, BEGINNING FEBRUARY 2, 1976, EMBASSY ABU DHABI WILL COMMENCE ISSUING ONE YEAR MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS TO UAE STUDENTS (F-1&2) AND TO UAE VISITORS FOR BUSINESS (B-1). IN THIS SAME NOTE EMBASSY SUGGESTED THAT UAE CONSIDER ABOLISHING \$3.00 FEE. DURING REFTEL B CONVERSATIONS, EMBOFFS HAD ALSO SUGGESTED ELIMINATING FEE SINCE NEITHER U.S. NOR UAE NEEDED REVENUE GENERATED BY FEE, AND IT MORE TROUBLE THAN PROFIT. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS AGREED WITH ARGUMENT, BUT SAID THAT FEE IMPOSED BY MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND LATTER'S AGREEMENT REQUIRED BEFORE FEE COULD BE DROPPED. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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4. COMMENT: EMBASSY VIEWS LIBERALIZATION BY UAE AS CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS ON WHICH WE HOPE TO BUILD TO ELIMINATE FEES AND TO EXTEND INCREASE IN VALIDITY AND NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS TO ALL CATEGORIES OF NIV APPLICANTS. PROGRESS IN VISA FIELD IS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE AT ONE POINT EMBASSY WAS INFORMALLY ADVISED BY SENIOR FONMIN OFFICIAL THAT UAE, WHILE WISHING TO BE FLEXIBLE,

COULD NOT LIBERALIZE VISA POLICY WHILE OTHER ARAB STATES RETAINED  
TIGHT/RESTRICTIVE VISA CONTROLS.  
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